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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2001/034793 A1 (MADRUGA EWERTON L ET AL) 25 October 2001 (2001-10-25) paragraph [0046] paragraph [0053]	1,4-7
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MCR/41125EP1

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1	Document concerning fees and payments	28 May 2005 letter to EPO.pdf	FEES-1.PDF
2	Document concerning fees and payments	26 May 2005 fee voucher.pdf	FEES-2.PDF

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Statement

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Dear Sirs,

European Patent Application No. 02772655.3
Multicast Data Transfer
Nokia Corporation
Our ref: *DJP/41125EP1*

In response to the communication dated 9 May 2005, we enclose our fee voucher authorising you to debit our deposit account for the claims fees due on this application, namely claims 11 to 24.

Yours faithfully,


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NOTIFICATION OF EUROPEAN PUBLICATION NUMBER AND INFORMATION
ON THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 67(3) EPC

The provisional protection under Article 67(1) and (2) EPC in the individual Contracting States becomes effective only when the conditions referred to in Article 67(3) EPC have been fulfilled (for further details, see information brochure of the European Patent Office "National Law relating to the EPC" and additional information in the Official Journal of the European Patent Office).

Pursuant to Article 158(1) EPC the publication under Article 21 PCT of an international application for which the European Patent Office is a designated Office takes the place of the publication of a European patent application.

The bibliographic data of the above-mentioned Euro-PCT application will be published on 22.06.05 in Section I.1 of the European Patent Bulletin.

The European publication number is 1543701.

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(1) Amendment of application documents, especially the claims (Rule 109 EPC)

The above mentioned international (Euro-PCT) application has entered the European phase, or can do so, once the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

Under Articles 28, 41 PCT, Rules 52, 78 PCT and Rule 86(2) to (4) EPC, the applicant may amend the application documents after receiving the international search report.

Whether or not he has already done so, he now has a further opportunity to file amended claims or other application documents within a non-extendable time limit of ONE MONTH after notification of the present communication (Rule 109 EPC).

The claims applicable on expiry of the above time limit, i.e. those filed on entry into the European phase or in response to the present communication, will form the basis for the calculation of any claims fee to be paid (see page 2) and for any supplementary search to be carried out under Article 157(2) EPC (Rule 109 EPC).

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Sheet 2

Application No. 02772655.3

(2) Claims fees under Rule 110 EPC

If the application documents on which the European grant procedure is to be based comprise more than ten claims, a claims fee shall be payable for the eleventh and each subsequent claim within the period provided for in Rule 107(1) EPC.

- ☐ Based on the application documents currently on file, all necessary claims fees have already been paid (or the documents do not comprise more than 10 claims).
- ☐ All necessary fees will be/have been debited automatically according to the automatic debit order.
- ☒ The claims fees due for the claims 11 to 0024 were not paid within the above-mentioned period.

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An individual authorisation is attached.

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A general authorisation has been registered under No:

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A general authorisation has been filed, but not yet registered.

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4. Request for examination

Examination of the application under Art. 94 EPC is hereby requested. The examination fee is being (has been, will be) paid.

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Request for examination in an admissible non-EPO language:

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Täten pyydetään hakemuksen tutkimista artiklan 94 mukaisesti.

5. Copies

One or more additional sets of copies of the documents cited in the supplementary European search report are hereby requested.

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6. Documents intended for proceedings before the EPO

6.1 Proceedings before the EPO as designated Office (PCT I) are to be based on the following documents:

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7. Translations

Translations in one of the official languages of the EPO (English, French, German) are attached as crossed below:

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Translation of priority application(s) ☐

It is hereby declared that the international application as originally filed is a complete translation of the previous application (Rule 38(5) EPC) ☐

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** In addition, in proceedings before the EPO as elected office (PCT II):*

Translation of annexes to the international preliminary examination report ☐

8. Biological material

The invention relates to and/or uses biological material deposited under Rule 28 EPC. ☐

The particulars referred to in Rule 28(1)(c) EPC (if not yet known, the depository institution and the identification reference(s) [number, symbols, etc.] of the depositor) are given in the international publication or in the translation submitted under Section 7 on:

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A waiver of the right to an undertaking from the requester pursuant to Rule 28(3) EPC is attached. ☐

9. Nucleotide and amino acid sequences

The items required under Rules 5.2 and 13ter PCT and Rule 111(3) EPC have already been furnished to the EPO. ☐

The sequence listing as part of the description is attached in PDF format. ☐

The sequence listing does not include matter that goes beyond the content of the application as filed. ☐

In addition, the sequence listing data is attached in computer-readable form in accordance with WIPO Standard 25. ☐

The sequence listing data in computer-readable form in accordance with WIPO Standard 25 is identical to the sequence listing in PDF format. ☐

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10.1 It is currently intended to pay seven times the amount of the designation fee. The designation fees for all the EPC contracting states designated in the international application are thereby deemed to have been paid (Art. 2 No. 3 RFees). ☒

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10.2 The declaration in No. 10.1 does not apply. Instead, it is currently intended to pay fewer than seven designation fees for the following EPC contracting states designated in the international application: ☐

It is requested that no communications under Rule 108(3) EPC be issued in respect of any contracting states not indicated.

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11. Extension of the European patent

This application is also considered as being a request for extension to all the non-contracting states to the EPC designated in the international application with which "extension agreements" were in force on the date of filing the international application. However, the extension only takes effect if the prescribed extension fee is paid. ☒

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14. Fees

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14-2	005 Designation fee	7	75.00	525.00
14-3	006 Examination fee	1 (80%)	1 430.00	1 144.00
14-4	020 Basic national fee for an international application	1	90.00	90.00
Total:			EUR	1 759.00

15. Annotations

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a prior communication system 1, for multicasting information from a content provider, i.e., host 2, to a plurality of receiver hosts 3 via the Internet 4. For simplicity, the data path 5 is depicted as extending directly from the content provider 2 to a router 6 without intervening stages, such as other transmitters or routers, which may be located between these nodes. The data paths leading from the content provider 2 to the receiver hosts 3a-3c diverge at the router 6. Situations where this divergence include those where the receiver hosts 3 do not belong to the same sub-network, where the receiver hosts 3 are served by different transmitters 7 or where the radio access network is not multicast enabled.

Instead of sending a separate stream of data packets A-D for each individual receiver host 3a, 3b, the content provider 2 provides a single data stream 5. The data stream is replicated by a multicast-enabled edge router 6 wherever the paths to the different receiver hosts 3a, 3b diverge. The router 6 copies the incoming data packets A-E, producing duplicate data streams 8a, 8b for transmission to the receiver hosts 3a, 3b. As the content provider 2 transmits only a single data stream 5, the use of its system resources and the network load are reduced when compared with a unicast system. Furthermore, as the transmission of replicated data is kept to a minimum, multicasting may be used in wide area networks where broadcasting is unfeasible.

There are two types of multicasting services. In the first, a content provider has a reserved bandwidth for delivering a predetermined service to a group of end-users. The second type allows end-users to select the service provided to them. In both cases, a user can receive the multicast stream of data by submitting a request to join the group by sending a message to the content provider in a format specified by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). The user can leave the multicast group by submitting a corresponding request.

Multicasting is a suitable mechanism for providing end-users with a continuous service and has limited applicability for "one-shot" transmissions. For example, a

Brief Description of the Drawings

An embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

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Figure 1 is a block diagram of a prior art communication system;

Figure 2 is a block diagram of a communication system in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 3 is a flowchart of a method according to an embodiment of the present invention as enacted by a router;

10 Figure 4 is a block diagram of a router in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention; and

Figure 5 depicts a mobile handset terminal for use according to an embodiment of the invention.

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Detailed Description

Figure 2 depicts an embodiment of a communication system 9 for multicast file delivery via the Internet 4 comprising a multimedia content provider 2, receiver
20 hosts 3a-3c, a router 6, a radio transmitter 7 and a cache 10. The data path 5 may include further elements, such as other transmitters or routers, which may be located between the content provider 2 and router 6. The data paths leading from the content provider 2 to the receiver hosts 3a-3c have a common portion 5 extending between the content provider 2 and the router 6 and diverge between the
25 router 6 and the individual receiver hosts 3a-3c.

In this particular example, receiver hosts 3a-3c are mobile devices belonging to a cellular wireless DVB-T wide area network (WAN) and the router 6 is an edge
30 router, i.e. the last router before the air-interface in the file delivery path between the content provider 2 and the receiver hosts 3a-3c. The router 6 forwards the multicast data to the radio transmitter 7, which sends the data to the receiver hosts over the wireless network in accordance with a suitable communication protocol. Suitable protocols include, but are not limited to, the following protocols: Reliable



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